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1. DEPARTMENT CONTACTED GRIFFITH JOHNSON, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT, MOTION PICTURE EXPORT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, (MPEAA), ABOUT FILM FESTIVAL PROBLEM. MPEAA HAS RECIEVED REPORT ON MATTER FROM LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE.

2. MPEAA HAS DONE ITS BEST TO PERSUADE CINEMA INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION (CIC) TO CHANGE ITS POSITION ON MAKING A "RETROSPECTIVE" GROUP OF ALFRED HITCHCOCK FILMS AVAILABLE FOR FILM FESTIVAL. CIC CONTINUES TO LINK THEIR REFUSAL TO RELEASE GROUP OF HITCHCOCK FILMS TO THE CENSORSHIP OF "JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR". MPEAA NOTES THAT THIS POSITION IS, OR COURSE, PREROGATIVE OF CIC.

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3. MPEAA WOULD BE CONCERNED AND DISTURBED IF MINISTRY OF INFORMATION (MOI) RECONSIDERED ITS OVERALL AGREEMENT WITH MPEAA AND BELIEVES SUCH A THREAT IS UNREASONABLE. MPEAA POINTED OUT THAT IT HAS COOPERATED WITH GOI ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST OVER LONG PERIOD OF TIME AND, MORE SPECIFICALLY, THAT SEVENTEEN (17) FILMS PLUS SEVEN (7) RETRO-

SPECTIVE GROUPS OF FILMS ARE BEING PROVIDED FOR INDIA FILM FESTIVAL BY MEMBER COMPANIES OF MPEAA.

4. JACK VALENTI, PRESIDENT OF MPEAA, MET WITH OFFICIALS OF THE INDIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ON DEC. 22 AND OBJECTED TO LINKING THE CIC DISPUTE WITH THE OVERALL MPEAA AGREEMENT WITH THE MOI. VALENTI HAS CONTACTED CIC AND APPARENTLY PERSUADED IT TO MAKE AVAILABLE THE FILMS "FAMILY PLOT" AND "CHINATOWN". PRINTS OF THE HITCHCOCK FILMS ARE, HOWEVER, UNAVAILABLE AND NEW PRINTS WOULD BE REQUIRED WHICH PRESUMABLY PRECLUDES THEIR SHOWING AT THE FESTIVAL.

5. EMBASSY MAY USE ABOVE INFO AT ITS DESCRETION IN FURTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH GOI OFFICIALS. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES SUBJECT REPORT AND CONTINUED REPORTING BY EMBASSY.
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